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For: CUSTOMER BASED PREDICTION METHOD AND SYSTEM USING NEAR INFRARED REFLECTANCE SPECTRA OF MATERIALS	, ) ) ) )

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Sir:

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before a first Office Action on the merits.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form. Copies of the listed documents are attached.

For the non-English language document DE 298 09 591, Applicants attach a Derwent Abstract of the document.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determine

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that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law,
Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law
regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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